

REMARKS

The presently claimed process concerns mixing a viscous polymer melt (e.g. polycarbonate of Claim 16) with an additive. No reaction is entailed in the claimed process between the polymer melt and the additive and the result of the process is a mixture.

Claims 5 and 9-13 and 15-17 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0035234 (herein Silva).

Silva disclosed a process in which bisphenol monochloroformate reacts with bisphenol chloroformate to yield an end capped oligomeric polycarbonate. The referenced process entails a reaction.

The standard for anticipation is one of strict identity. To anticipate a claim for a patent, a single prior art document must contain all the essential elements of the claimed invention. *In Re Donohue 226 USPQ 619*.

Set against this standard Silva cannot reasonably be taken to anticipate the present claims.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

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